

FISCAL NOTE

SB 855 - HB 1116

March 6, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Places restrictions on manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of ophthalmic materials when dealing with optometrists about lease arrangements, contractual matters, professional operations or restrictions on scope of practice. Allows the optometrist or the Board of Optometry to file suit to enforce the restrictions and recover damages, court costs and attorney fees.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumes that a U.S. District Court order in a relevant case mandates the same restrictions and that the majority of the industry is complying with the guidelines set out in the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Davenport".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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